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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 391

Introduced by Assembly Member Pan
(Principal coauthor: Senator Steinberg)

February 14, 2011

~~An act to add and repeal Section 14236 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce development. An act to add Section 399.32 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 391, as amended, Pan. ~~Workforce development: one-stop career centers. Energy: renewable energy resources: local publicly owned electric utility.~~

Existing law creates the California renewables portfolio standard program (RPS program) and the Renewable Energy Resources Program to increase the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources, as defined.

Existing law, effective on _____, requires the governing board of a local publicly owned electric utility, as defined, to adopt a program for the enforcement of the RPS program on or before January 1, 2012. The governing board of a local publicly owned electric utility is authorized to adopt rules permitting the utility to apply excess procurement in one compliance period to subsequent compliance periods in the same manner as allowed for retail sellers, as defined.

This bill would, instead, authorize rules permitting the local utility to apply excess procurement in one compliance period to subsequent

compliance periods in the same manner as allowed for retail sellers, with certain specified exceptions.

~~Existing law provides for the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to eligible unemployed persons during the period that the person is unemployed, and requires the Employment Development Department to implement and administer the unemployment compensation program. Existing law declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to deliver comprehensive workforce services to job seekers, students, and employers through a system of one-stop career centers to, among other things, make job outreach, intake, job search and placement assistance, and other related services available in one location.~~

~~This bill would require the department, commencing on or before July 1, 2012, to provide unemployment insurance benefits assistance in comprehensive one-stop career center in 5 workforce investment areas, as prescribed. The bill would require that the unemployment benefit assistance services required to be provided at these one-stop career centers be funded with existing moneys available to the department for the administration of the unemployment compensation program, as specified. These provisions would remain in effect through December 31, 2015.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 399.32 is added to the Public Utilities*
- 2 *Code, to read:*
- 3 *399.32. Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of*
- 4 *Section 399.30, the governing board of a local publicly owned*
- 5 *electric utility may adopt rules permitting the utility to apply excess*
- 6 *procurement of eligible renewable energy resources from one*
- 7 *compliance period to subsequent compliance periods in the same*
- 8 *manner as allowed for retail sellers pursuant to Section 399.13,*
- 9 *with the following exceptions:*
- 10 *(a) Consistent with subdivision (b), excess procurement of*
- 11 *eligible renewable energy resources from a contract of more than*
- 12 *seven years in duration that was executed before January 1, 2010,*
- 13 *may be applied to subsequent compliance periods without any*
- 14 *restrictions.*

1 ***(b) Excess procurement accumulated through December 31,***
2 ***2010, may be applied to subsequent compliance periods if all of***
3 ***the following conditions are satisfied:***

4 ***(1) The excess is calculated based on annual eligible renewable***
5 ***energy resources procurement targets in effect since 2006.***

6 ***(2) The procurement targets, as amended, specified the***
7 ***achievement of not less than a 20 percent renewables portfolio***
8 ***standard by no later than December 31, 2010.***

9 ***(3) The procurement targets increased for each intervening***
10 ***year before 2010.***

11 **SECTION 1. Section 14236 is added to the Unemployment**
12 **Insurance Code, to read:**

13 ~~14236. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, commencing on~~
14 ~~or before July 1, 2012, the department shall provide in-person~~
15 ~~unemployment insurance benefits assistance in a comprehensive~~
16 ~~one-stop career center in five workforce investment areas, as~~
17 ~~described in the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as~~
18 ~~determined by the department, as follows:~~

19 ~~(1) The department shall ensure that customer service personnel~~
20 ~~at those career centers are fully trained regarding the policy, laws,~~
21 ~~and regulations governing eligibility, claims processing, and~~
22 ~~procedures for the payment of unemployment compensation~~
23 ~~benefits to eligible individuals.~~

24 ~~(2) Printed information regarding eligibility and the process for~~
25 ~~filing claims for unemployment compensation benefits shall be~~
26 ~~made available at those one-stop career centers.~~

27 ~~(b) The unemployment benefit assistance services required to~~
28 ~~be provided at one-stop career centers pursuant to subdivision (a)~~
29 ~~shall be funded with existing moneys available to the department~~
30 ~~for the administration of the unemployment insurance~~
31 ~~compensation program. The department shall reallocate existing~~
32 ~~resources, including staff and equipment to implement the~~
33 ~~assistance required to be provided by this section. The department~~
34 ~~shall also work with the state's one-stop career center partners to~~
35 ~~use existing resources and office space in one-stop career centers~~
36 ~~to accommodate customer service personnel.~~

37 ~~(c) This section shall remain in effect only until the end of the~~
38 ~~calendar day of December 31, 2015, and as of that date is repealed,~~

- 1 unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted on or before December
- 2 31, 2015, deletes or extends that date.

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